Subject No. 455.

System of Licenses for processional music.

Summary of discussion.—The local authorities now require licenses to be taken out for the conduct of processions even in the moffusil towns and villages. There is no real necessity for this, and the innovation tends only to unsettle peoples' minds, disturb *mamul*, and raise questions which were never raised before. The law on the subject which Courts administer is, that the public highway is free to all. The needless restriction in question should be removed.

Dewan's reply.—Even in granting licenses, it is the *mamul* that is followed.

Subject No. 456.

Maintenance of Mysore City Roads.

Summary of discussion.—The roads opened out in Mysore City, are now so wide and so many miles in length, that the Municipality finds it very difficult to maintain them with existing funds. Some relief is necessary.

Dewan's reply.—The Municipality has to blame itself for fixing its boundaries so wide. You include a great deal for Octroi purposes, and on the other hand, complain that you have too much of road maintenance. Relief has been granted by transferring some of the main trunk roads to the Provincial Budget.

Subject No. 457.

House-tax in Mysore City.

Summary of discussion.—At present, house-tax in Mysore City is levied under the Mohatarfa Rules on the value of houses. It appears that it is intended to levy the tax hereafter at five per cent on the rental. As, unlike Bangalore, few houses in Mysore are rented, this would entail loss of revenue The present practice should be continued.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 458.

Educational Grants-aid in Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The Mysore City Municipal Board pays a large amount as grants-in-aid to local Schools. As it cannot afford this expenditure, it is desired that Government should relieve it and pay the grants from the Education Budget.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient.

Subject No. 459.

Cart-tax on Agricultural carts within Municipal limits.

Summary of discussion.—Under recent orders, carts within Municipal limits, kept chiefly for agricultural purposes, are exempted from cart-tax, though they may be occasionally let out on hire. This has entailed much loss of revenue, as it is seldom that carts are kept chiefly for hire.

Dewan's reply.—Better have a universal wheel tax in lieu.

Subject No. 460.

Octroi on Foreign Piece Goods in Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—No Octroi is now levied on Europe made cotton goods, though such is levied on Indian manufactures and even on local manufactures imported for consumption within Municipal limits. A rate was proposed at one time, but it was held in abeyance on the representation of merchants that it would press hard upon them if not levied in Bangalore and minor Municipalities in the District, particularly Seringapatam. There will be no objection to levy